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The commission appointed by President Roosevelt to investigate the wreck of the steamship Valencia on the night of January 22, finds that the ship went ashore through the faulty navigation of Captain Johnson, her master. It will be remembered that 136 lives were lost, and Captain Johnson also perished.

Rev. A. S. Crapsey of Rochester, N. Y., of the Episcopal church, is on trial charged with heresy.

Michael Davitt, the noted Irish leader, is seriously ill at Dublin.

Fred O. Murray, recently appointed collector of the port at Buffalo, N. Y., has been indicted of embezzling \$38,870 from the county while he was county treasurer.

Governor Folk of Missouri has offered a reward of \$300 for the arrest and conviction of each person guilty of participation in the Springfield, Mo., mob.

Eight steamships arrived at New York April 15, unloading 11,838 immigrants.

The portrait of Benjamin Franklin from the gallery in the Dorchester House, London, has been restored to the United States by Earl Gray, governor general of Canada, and arrived at New York April 15. The portrait went to England during the revolutionary period, and became the property of a great-grandfather of the present Earl Gray. It had been taken from the Franklin home in Philadelphia.

Mount Vesuvius continues to give forth eruptions, and many lives have been lost. A large number of scientists have gone to the scene for the purpose of making observations.

Warrants have been issued for more than one hundred members of the Springfield mob.

The investigation by the Wisconsin authorities of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance company has brought out many questionable transactions in the conduct of the affairs of that company.

Charles E. Hughes, the New York lawyer who had charge of the insurance investigation, and Alexander Simpson, the Pennsylvania lawyer, have been appointed by Attorney General Moody to look after the interests of the government in the cases likely

to grow out of the coal road investigations.

The Iowa republican convention will meet at Des Moines, August 1.

The house of representatives has passed a bill providing that in all criminal prosecutions the United States shall have the same right of review that is given to the defendant. The bill is intended to remedy such a situation as that involved in the beef trust case, where the government found it impossible to take an appeal. A Washington correspondent for the Chicago Record-Herald, referring to this measure says: "If the senate passes the bill it will be impossible for any of the lower courts to declare any statute invalid or decide important pleas, such as those of the packers at Chicago, without having its decision reviewed by a higher court. The bill is considered constitutional by the best lawyers in congress because it safeguards the rights of the defendant in that it provides that a decision in favor of the defendant in a lower court can not be set aside on appeal, and therefore the constitutional provision that the defendant shall not twice be placed in jeopardy will not be violated." The only purpose of the appeal then will be to obtain a decision from a higher court on the law point involved.

The house of representatives has passed a bill permitting the withdrawal from bond, tax free, of domestic alcohol when rendered unfit for beverage or liquid medicinal uses by mixture with suitable denaturing materials.

Fire swept the town of Mariguina, in Rizel Province, Philippine Islands. Two thousand dwellings were burned, and several thousand people are homeless and starving. The government is rushing assistance to the sufferers.

Senator Foraker of Ohio delivered another speech against the railroad rate bill April 12.

A tornado struck the town of Stafford, Kan., demolished a number of houses and injured several people.

The house committee on election of president, vice president and representatives in congress has recommended for passage a bill increasing the term of a member of the lower house to four years; instead of two as at present, and providing for the election of senators by direct vote of the people.

President Roosevelt issued an order to the federal authorities at Omaha, directing them to take to St. Joe Harry Welch, a federal convict, in order that Welch might see his wife, who is dangerously ill.

The Indiana republican state convention met at Indianapolis April 11. The platform dwelt at length upon state issues; it indorsed President Roosevelt's administration. The platform favors the adoption of a 2-cent railroad fare law. The convention nominated by acclamation the following candidates: Secretary of state, Fred Sims of Frankfort; attorney general, James Bingham of Muncie; state statistician, James S. Stubbs of Indianapolis; judge of the supreme court, First district, James H. Jordan of Martinsville; John C. Billheimer of Washington was nominated for auditor of

state; Oscar Hadley of Danville was nominated for state treasurer on the second ballot; Edward Fitzpatrick of Portland was nominated for clerk of the supreme court; Bassett A. Cotton of Indianapolis was nominated for superintendent of public instruction; W. S. Batchely of Terre Haute was nominated for state geologist; Leander J. Monks of Winchester was renominated for judge of the supreme court from the Fourth district.

**A Case for the Humane Society**

A Philadelphia real estate broker purchased an automobile last summer, and proceeded industriously to familiarize himself with its mechanical construction.

After a week's coaching under the guidance of a chauffeur, the broker determined one evening to take a spin into the country without his tutor. He decided to ride slowly. And to insure against being helplessly stalled on a lonely road, he fastened the family horse to the rear of the auto, so that it could tow the machine home in case of a breakdown.

The auto chucked along gently, when of a sudden the horse swayed and was dragged to earth.

"Poor horse!" muttered the roker, sorrowfully, as he stepped from the car; it's utterly exhausted.

"Exhausted!" snorted a passing farmer, as he sniffed the oily atmosphere "you mean asphyxiated."—Harper's Weekly.

**MR. BRYAN'S LETTERS**

Mr. Bryan's avowed determination to travel in the Philippines as a simple sightseer, and not a politician, appears to advantage in his letters to The Commoner, which make one of the most candid, impartial, and entertaining accounts of the islands and their people that have been anywhere published.—New York Evening Post.

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